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1. THERE FOLLOWS A PROPOSED DRAFT OF AMBASSADOR GOHEEN'S
STATEMENT AT THE PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE HIGH HONOR TO PRESENT MY
CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO INDIA.

I BRING WARM GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND
THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, PRESIDENT CARTER, TO YOU AND THE
INDIAN PEOPLE.

OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE LONG SHARED COMMON IDEALS AND
A DEDICATION TO WORLD PEACE WHICH HAVE PROVIDED A LASTING
FOUNDATION TO OUR RELATIONSHIP. FOREMOST AMONG THESE
SHARED IDEALS HAVE BEEN A COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC
PROCESS, A RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF MANKIND,
AND AN OBLIGATION TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE WISHES OF THE
ELECTORATE. AS PRIME MINISTER DESAI SO ELEQUENTLY SAID,
TWO OF THESE BASIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE ARE FREEDOM FROM
WANT AND FREEDOM FROM FEAR, FREEDOMS WHICH ARE AS PRECIOUS
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AS THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY. TO PRESERVE THESE FUNDAMENTAL
RIGHTS, WE AGREE THAT BOTH NATIONAL SELF-RELIANCE AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SHARING ARE ESSENTIAL.

OUR COMMON GOAL REMAINS THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL
WORLD, A WORLD OF JUSTICE AND STABILITY. SUCH A WORLD
WOULD BE A COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IN WHICH THE DISPARITY

BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES IS LESSENER, AND THE DANGER OF WAR IS CONTAINED AND ARSENALS OF DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONRY REDUCED. IT WOULD BE A WORLD OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS WHO RIGHTFULLY VALUE THEIR INDEPENDENCE BUT AT THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZE THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE IN NURTURING THE ASPIRATIONS AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES.

RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE PROGRESSED AS WE HAVE PURSUED THESE OBJECTIVES. TOGETHER, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH A STABLE AND MATURE RELATIONSHIP BASED ON MUTUAL INTERESTS. INTERNATIONALLY, WE HAVE SOUGHT ACCOMMODATION AND AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE GREAT ISSUES OF OUR TIME SUCH AS ARMS CONTROL AND CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. BILATERALLY, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE, AND COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS; AND WE HAVE CREATED A JOINT COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE SUCH COOPERATION. WE HAVE NOT BEEN WITHOUT OUR DIFFERENCES ON SOME OF THE WORLD'S COMPLEX AND PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT ISSUES, BUT OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND AGREEMENT IN OUR FUNDAMENTAL VIEWS AUGUR WELL FOR CONTINUING DISCOURSE AND PROGRESS IN OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE, A MORE PRODUCTIVE AND SATISFYING ENVIRONMENT, NOT ONLY FOR OUR OWN PEOPLES BUT FOR ALL PEOPLES.

IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, WE WILL HAVE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS TO SOLVE BUT MY GOVERNMENT WILL APPROACH THESE AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF COMMON VALUES AND ASPIRATIONS AND OUR MUTUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST IN A PEACEFUL AND FREE WORLD.

MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE STRESSED OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND THE CONTINUITY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, IT IS NOW FOR ME A TIME OF RENEWAL AS I UNDERTAKE, WITH GREAT AWARENESS OF THE HONOR GRANTED ME, THE DUTIES OF REPRESENTING MY GOVERNMENT IN THE LAND OF MY BIRTH. I AM GRATIFIED TO ACCEPT THIS ASSIGNMENT AT A TIME WHEN BOTH OUR COUNTRIES HAVE AFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. THIS STRENGTHENS MY FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GREAT COUNTRIES.
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